

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

DAISY GASKIN,)	
)	
PLAINTIFF,)	
)	
VS.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. _____
)	
VAN RU CREDIT CORPORATION,)	
)	
DEFENDANT.)	

Introduction

1. This is an action brought by the Plaintiff for actual and statutory damages, attorneys' fees, and costs for Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (hereinafter "FDCPA"). Plaintiff also seeks compensatory and punitive damages for the Defendant's violations of Alabama State Law set forth herein.

Jurisdiction

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331; §1332 and §1367. Venue is proper in that the Defendant transacted business here, and the Plaintiff resides here.

Factual Allegations

3. The Plaintiff, Daisy Gaskin, is over the age of twenty-one (21), is a citizen of the State of Alabama, and resides in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.
4. The Defendant, Van Ru Credit Corporation, a corporation, whose correct corporate status is unknown to Plaintiff at this time, was, in all respects and at all times relevant herein, doing business in the State of Alabama.
5. The Defendant is engaged in the business of collecting consumer debts from consumers residing in Jefferson County, Alabama and is a "debt collector," as defined by the FDCPA 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
6. The Defendant called and/or communicated with the Plaintiff beginning in August, 2004 and continuing through this date.

COUNT ONE
FAIR DEBT COLLECTIONS PRACTICES ACT

7. The Plaintiff adopts the averments and allegations of paragraphs 1 through 6 hereinbefore as if fully set forth herein.
8. The Defendant has engaged in collection activities and practices in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (hereinafter referred to as "FDCPA") with respect to the Plaintiff's alleged consumer debt.
9. The Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) by contacting the Plaintiff at a time or place Defendant knew or should have known was inconvenient to the Plaintiff.
10. The Defendant violated §1692d by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which was to harass, oppress, or abuse the Plaintiff in the following ways:
 - (A) By using language the natural consequence of which is to abuse the hearer in violation of §1692d(2).
 - (C) By repeatedly telephoning the Plaintiff with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass the Plaintiff in an effort to coerce her into paying a debt in violation of §1692d(5).
 - (D) By failing to make meaningful disclosure of the caller's identity in violation of §1692d(6).
11. The Defendant used false representations and/or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect a debt or obtain information concerning the Plaintiff in violation of §1692e(10).
12. The Defendant made false representations regarding the character, amount, or legal status of the debt in violation §1692e(2)(A).
13. The Defendant threatened to take action that could not legally be taken or which they did not intend to take in violation of §1692e(5).
14. The Defendant violated §1692f by using unfair and/or unconscionable means to attempt to collect a debt.
15. The Defendant violated §1692f(1) by collecting or attempting to collect an amount which was not authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law.
16. As a proximate result of the Defendant's actions, the Plaintiff was caused to suffer actual damages for worry, humiliation, fear, loss of sleep, anxiety, nervousness, physical sickness, physical pain and mental anguish.

COUNT TWO
INVASION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

17. The Plaintiff adopts the averments and allegations of paragraphs 1 through 16 hereinbefore as if fully set forth herein.
18. The Defendant undertook **and or directed** a series of communications to the home of the Plaintiff constituting an invasion of privacy, as set out and described in the common law of the State of Alabama. Said communications were systematic and continuous in number and made in disregard for Plaintiff's right to privacy after repeated requests that the Defendant no longer contact her. Said communications were made to force, coerce, harass, embarrass and/or humiliate the Plaintiff into paying a debt.
19. Said invasions were intentional, willful, and malicious, and violated the Plaintiff's privacy. The Plaintiff avers that the communications were made by various individuals who were the employees of and acting on behalf of the named Defendant.
20. Said communications constitute an unwarranted, and/or the wrongful intrusion into Plaintiff's private activities, as well as intentional intrusion into the Plaintiff's solitude and seclusion.
21. As a proximate consequence of said invasion of the right of privacy, the Defendant has caused the Plaintiff to suffer worry, fright, humiliation, loss of sleep, anxiety, nervousness, physical pain and sickness and mental anguish.

COUNT THREE
RECKLESS AND WANTON TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

22. The Plaintiffs adopt the averments and allegations of paragraphs 1 through 21 hereinbefore as if fully set forth herein.
23. The Defendant knew or should have known of the conduct set forth herein which was directed at and visited upon the Plaintiff.
24. The Defendant knew or should have known that said conduct was improper.
25. The Defendant recklessly and wantonly failed to train and supervise collectors in order to prevent said improper conduct.
26. The Defendant recklessly and wantonly failed to train and supervise collectors on the FDCPA as it relates to communications with consumers.
27. As a result of the Defendant's recklessness and wantonness, the Plaintiff suffered humiliation, loss of sleep, anxiety, nervousness, physical sickness, physical and mental

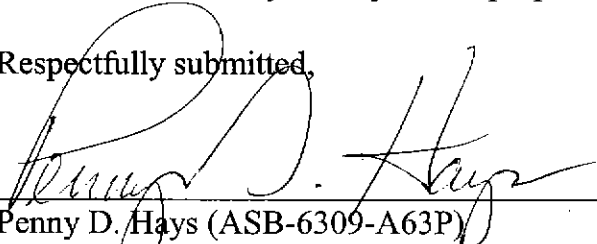
suffering, pain, and anguish.

AMOUNT OF DAMAGES DEMANDED

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff, Daisy Gaskin, demands a judgment against Defendant, Van Ru Credit Corporation, for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages for violations of the FDCPA;
- C. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- D. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- E. Compensatory and punitive damages in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) on Plaintiff's claims for damages due to the Defendant's invasion of privacy and reckless and wanton training and supervision of employees; and;
- F. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

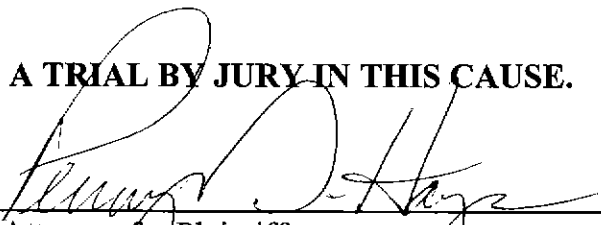


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PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY IN THIS CAUSE.



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